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The large-scale socialist constructions in the fields of electrification and water supply in Bulgaria necessitated the creation of the large "Energokhidroproekt" (Hydroelectric Power Project) Planning Organization. This organization conducts basic preliminary studies, performs surveying, and carries out geological, hydrological, topographical, and hydrotechnical investigation.

In the execution of contracts between the "Energokhidroproekt" Organization and the capital construction section of the Ministry of Electrification, it became evident that the organization still cannot cope with its duties. A large number of deadlines are not met, due either to inadequate performance of studies or to actual mistakes in the projects themselves. For instance, the preparation of blueprints for the "Maritsa II" Hydroelectric Power Plant was delayed, and the work still lags behind as a result of discrepancies in the preliminary studies. Instead of making an analysis of the water before doing anything else, prospecting with a drill was begun and it was only then determined that the water has a high lime content and was unsuitable for the power plant. Due to an inadequately prepared geological chart, it became necessary to draw a new blueprint for the wall of the "Studenata" Dam. There was also a mistake made in the tracing of the tunnel of the "Stalin" Dam.

Aside from the difficulties that appeared because of the nature of the work itself and the mistakes which were discovered and corrected with the help of Soviet specialists, the "Energokhidroproekt" Organization was guilty of a number of other errors, such as the delaying of the blueprints and cost estimates for the "Plovdiv" and "Pleven" power plants, the "Asenitsa II," "Nikolaev," and "Beli Iskur" hydroelectric power plants, as well as the "Vasil Kolarov" Steam-Heat and Electric Power Plant. Because of such delays and because incomplete blueprints and cost estimates were submitted, the work on the dam, the main power canal, the safety gate, and the water tower of the "Rositsa" Dam was especially hindered.

Dimitrov (fnu) is the director-general of "Energokhidroproekt."

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